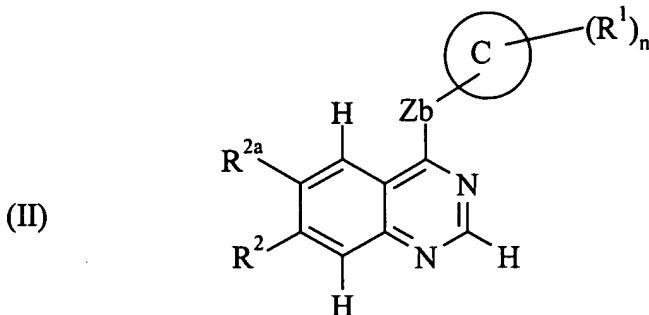


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-38 (**cancelled**).

Claim 39 (**currently amended**): A compound of the formula II:



wherein:

ring C is a 9 or 10-membered heteroaromatic an 8, 9, 10, 12 or 13 membered bicyclic or tricyclic moiety which moiety may be saturated or unsaturated, which may be aromatic or non-aromatic, and which contains 1-3 heteroatoms selected independently from O, N and S;

Zb is -O- or -S-;

n is an integer from 0 to 5;

R<sup>2</sup> represents hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylsulphonyl, -NR<sup>3</sup>R<sup>4</sup> (wherein R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup>, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl),

or R<sup>2</sup> represents a group R<sup>5</sup>X<sup>1</sup>-, wherein X<sup>1</sup> represents a direct bond, -O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>6</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>7</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>8</sup>-, -NR<sup>9</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>10</sup>- (wherein R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl), and R<sup>5</sup> is selected from one of the following twenty-two groups:

- 1) hydrogen, oxiranylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-5</sub>alkyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, chloro, bromo and amino;

- 2)  $C_{1-5}alkylX^2C(O)R^{11}$  (wherein  $X^2$  represents -O- or -NR<sup>12</sup>- (in which R<sup>12</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>11</sup> represents C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, -NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup> or -OR<sup>15</sup> (wherein R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup> and R<sup>15</sup> which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-5</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl));
- 3)  $C_{1-5}alkylX^3R^{16}$  (wherein X<sup>3</sup> represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -OC(O)-, -NR<sup>17</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>18</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>19</sup>-, -NR<sup>20</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>21</sup>- (wherein R<sup>17</sup>, R<sup>18</sup>, R<sup>19</sup>, R<sup>20</sup> and R<sup>21</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>16</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl or a 4-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C<sub>1-4</sub>cyanoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>hydroxyalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>aminoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy and a group  $-(O-O)_f(C_{1-4}alkyl)_g$ ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 4-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl));
- 4)  $C_{1-5}alkylX^4C_{1-5}alkylX^5R^{22}$  (wherein X<sup>4</sup> and X<sup>5</sup> which may be the same or different are each -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>23</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>24</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>25</sup>-, -NR<sup>26</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>27</sup>- (wherein R<sup>23</sup>, R<sup>24</sup>, R<sup>25</sup>, R<sup>26</sup> and R<sup>27</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>22</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl);
- 5) R<sup>28</sup> (wherein R<sup>28</sup> is a 4-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C<sub>1-4</sub>cyanoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>hydroxyalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>aminoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,

- C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy and a group  
-(-O-)f(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>g</sub>ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 4-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl));
- 6) C<sub>1-5</sub>alkylR<sup>28</sup> (wherein R<sup>28</sup> is as defined herein);
  - 7) C<sub>2-5</sub>alkenylR<sup>28</sup> (wherein R<sup>28</sup> is as defined herein);
  - 8) C<sub>2-5</sub>alkynylR<sup>28</sup> (wherein R<sup>28</sup> is as defined herein);
  - 9) R<sup>29</sup> (wherein R<sup>29</sup> represents a pyridone group, a phenyl group or a 5-6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, which pyridone, phenyl or aromatic heterocyclic group may carry up to 5 substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>hydroxyalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>aminoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, -C(O)NR<sup>30</sup>R<sup>31</sup>, -NR<sup>32</sup>C(O)R<sup>33</sup> (wherein R<sup>30</sup>, R<sup>31</sup>, R<sup>32</sup> and R<sup>33</sup>, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and a group -(-O-)f(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>g</sub>ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 4-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl));
  - 10) C<sub>1-5</sub>alkylR<sup>29</sup> (wherein R<sup>29</sup> is as defined herein);
  - 11) C<sub>2-5</sub>alkenylR<sup>29</sup> (wherein R<sup>29</sup> is as defined herein);
  - 12) C<sub>2-5</sub>alkynylR<sup>29</sup> (wherein R<sup>29</sup> is as defined herein);
  - 13) C<sub>1-5</sub>alkylX<sup>6</sup>R<sup>29</sup> (wherein X<sup>6</sup> represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>34</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>35</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>36</sup>-, -NR<sup>37</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>38</sup>- (wherein R<sup>34</sup>, R<sup>35</sup>, R<sup>36</sup>, R<sup>37</sup> and R<sup>38</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>29</sup> is as defined herein);
  - 14) C<sub>2-5</sub>alkenylX<sup>7</sup>R<sup>29</sup> (wherein X<sup>7</sup> represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>39</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>40</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>41</sup>-, -NR<sup>42</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>43</sup>- (wherein R<sup>39</sup>, R<sup>40</sup>, R<sup>41</sup>, R<sup>42</sup> and R<sup>43</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>29</sup> is as defined herein);

- 15)  $C_{2-5}\text{salkynyl}X^8R^{29}$  (wherein  $X^8$  represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>44</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>45</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>46</sup>-, -NR<sup>47</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>48</sup>- (wherein R<sup>44</sup>, R<sup>45</sup>, R<sup>46</sup>, R<sup>47</sup> and R<sup>48</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>29</sup> is as defined herein);
- 16)  $C_{1-4}\text{alkyl}X^9C_{1-4}\text{alkyl}R^{29}$  (wherein X<sup>9</sup> represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>49</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>50</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>51</sup>-, -NR<sup>52</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>53</sup>- (wherein R<sup>49</sup>, R<sup>50</sup>, R<sup>51</sup>, R<sup>52</sup> and R<sup>53</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>29</sup> is as defined herein);
- 17)  $C_{1-4}\text{alkyl}X^9C_{1-4}\text{alkyl}R^{28}$  (wherein X<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>28</sup> are as defined herein);
- 18) C<sub>2-5</sub>alkenyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulphonyl;
- 19) C<sub>2-5</sub>salkynyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulphonyl;
- 20)  $C_{2-5}\text{alkenyl}X^9C_{1-4}\text{alkyl}R^{28}$  (wherein X<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>28</sup> are as defined herein);
- 21)  $C_{2-5}\text{salkynyl}X^9C_{1-4}\text{alkyl}R^{28}$  (wherein X<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>28</sup> are as defined herein); and
- 22)  $C_{1-4}\text{alkyl}R^{54}(C_{1-4}\text{alkyl})_q(X^9)_rR^{55}$  (wherein X<sup>9</sup> is as defined herein, q is 0 or 1, r is 0 or 1, and R<sup>54</sup> and R<sup>55</sup> are each independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 4-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C<sub>1-4</sub>cyanooalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>hydroxyalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>aminoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy and a group -(O-)(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>f</sub>ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 4-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S

and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), with the proviso that R<sup>54</sup> cannot be hydrogen);

and additionally wherein any C<sub>1-5</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-5</sub>alkenyl or C<sub>2-5</sub>salkynyl group in R<sup>5</sup>X<sup>1</sup>- may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino;

R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen, oxo, halogeno, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxymethyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>haloalkyl, cyano, amino, C<sub>2-5</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-5</sub>salkynyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkanoyloxy, nitro, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphanyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphinyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl, carbamoyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)carbamoyl, aminosulphonyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminosulphonyl, N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulphonyl, N-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl)amino, N-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl)-N-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl)amino, a C<sub>3-7</sub>alkylene chain joined to two ring C carbon atoms, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, carboxy,

or R<sup>1</sup> represents a group R<sup>56</sup>X<sup>10</sup>, wherein X<sup>10</sup> represents a direct bond, -O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>57</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>58</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>59</sup>-, -NR<sup>60</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>61</sup>- (wherein R<sup>57</sup>, R<sup>58</sup>, R<sup>59</sup>, R<sup>60</sup> and R<sup>61</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl), and R<sup>56</sup> is selected from one of the following twenty-two groups:

- 1) hydrogen, oxiranylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-5</sub>alkyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, chloro, bromo and amino;
- 2) C<sub>1-5</sub>alkylX<sup>11</sup>C(O)R<sup>62</sup> (wherein X<sup>11</sup> represents -O- or -NR<sup>63</sup>- (in which R<sup>63</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>62</sup> represents C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, -NR<sup>64</sup>R<sup>65</sup> or -OR<sup>66</sup> (wherein R<sup>64</sup>, R<sup>65</sup> and R<sup>66</sup> which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-5</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl));
- 3) C<sub>1-5</sub>alkylX<sup>12</sup>R<sup>67</sup> (wherein X<sup>12</sup> represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -OC(O)-, -NR<sup>68</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>69</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>70</sup>-, -NR<sup>71</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>72</sup>- (wherein R<sup>68</sup>, R<sup>69</sup>, R<sup>70</sup>, R<sup>71</sup> and R<sup>72</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>67</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl or a 4-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and

$C_{1-4}$ alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano,  $C_{1-4}$ cyanooalkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ hydroxyalkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulphonyl $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonyl,  $C_{1-4}$ aminoalkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylamino, di( $C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylamino $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, di( $C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylamino $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy, di( $C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy and a group  $-(-O-)_f(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_g$ ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 4-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl));

- 4)  $C_{1-5}$ alkyl $X^{13}C_{1-5}$ alkyl $X^{14}R^{73}$  (wherein  $X^{13}$  and  $X^{14}$  which may be the same or different are each -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>74</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>75</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>76</sup>-, -NR<sup>77</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>78</sup>- (wherein R<sup>74</sup>, R<sup>75</sup>, R<sup>76</sup>, R<sup>77</sup> and R<sup>78</sup> each independently represents hydrogen,  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl or  $C_{1-3}$ alkoxy $C_{2-3}$ alkyl) and R<sup>73</sup> represents hydrogen,  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl or  $C_{1-3}$ alkoxy $C_{2-3}$ alkyl);
- 5) R<sup>79</sup> (wherein R<sup>79</sup> is a 4-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano,  $C_{1-4}$ cyanooalkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ hydroxyalkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulphonyl $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonyl,  $C_{1-4}$ aminoalkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylamino, di( $C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylamino $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, di( $C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylamino $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy, di( $C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy and a group  $-(-O-)_f(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_g$ ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 4-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl));
- 6)  $C_{1-5}$ alkylR<sup>79</sup> (wherein R<sup>79</sup> is as defined herein);
- 7)  $C_{2-5}$ alkenylR<sup>79</sup> (wherein R<sup>79</sup> is as defined herein);
- 8)  $C_{2-5}$ alkynylR<sup>79</sup> (wherein R<sup>79</sup> is as defined herein);
- 9) R<sup>80</sup> (wherein R<sup>80</sup> represents a pyridone group, a phenyl group or a 5-6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-3 heteroatoms

selected from O, N and S, which pyridone, phenyl or aromatic heterocyclic group may carry up to 5 substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>hydroxyalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>aminoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, -C(O)NR<sup>81</sup>R<sup>82</sup>, -NR<sup>83</sup>C(O)R<sup>84</sup> (wherein R<sup>81</sup>, R<sup>82</sup>, R<sup>83</sup> and R<sup>84</sup>, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and a group -(O-)<sub>f</sub>(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>g</sub>ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 4-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl));

- 10) C<sub>1-5</sub>alkylR<sup>80</sup> (wherein R<sup>80</sup> is as defined herein);
- 11) C<sub>2-5</sub>alkenylR<sup>80</sup> (wherein R<sup>80</sup> is as defined herein);
- 12) C<sub>2-5</sub>alkynylR<sup>80</sup> (wherein R<sup>80</sup> is as defined herein);
- 13) C<sub>1-5</sub>alkylX<sup>15</sup>R<sup>80</sup> (wherein X<sup>15</sup> represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>85</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>86</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>87</sup>-, -NR<sup>88</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>89</sup>- (wherein R<sup>85</sup>, R<sup>86</sup>, R<sup>87</sup>, R<sup>88</sup> and R<sup>89</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>80</sup> is as defined herein);
- 14) C<sub>2-5</sub>alkenylX<sup>16</sup>R<sup>80</sup> (wherein X<sup>16</sup> represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>90</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>91</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>92</sup>-, -NR<sup>93</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>94</sup>- (wherein R<sup>90</sup>, R<sup>91</sup>, R<sup>92</sup>, R<sup>93</sup> and R<sup>94</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>80</sup> is as defined herein);
- 15) C<sub>2-5</sub>alkynylX<sup>17</sup>R<sup>80</sup> (wherein X<sup>17</sup> represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>95</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>96</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>97</sup>-, -NR<sup>98</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>99</sup>- (wherein R<sup>95</sup>, R<sup>96</sup>, R<sup>97</sup>, R<sup>98</sup> and R<sup>99</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>80</sup> is as defined herein);
- 16) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylX<sup>18</sup>C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylR<sup>80</sup> (wherein X<sup>18</sup> represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>100</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>101</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>102</sup>-, -NR<sup>103</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>104</sup>- (wherein R<sup>100</sup>, R<sup>101</sup>, R<sup>102</sup>, R<sup>103</sup> and R<sup>104</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>80</sup> is as defined herein);
- 17) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylX<sup>18</sup>C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylR<sup>79</sup> (wherein X<sup>18</sup> and R<sup>79</sup> are as defined herein);

- 18)  $C_{2-5}$ alkenyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylamino, N,N-di( $C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di( $C_{1-4}$ alkyl)aminosulphonyl;
- 19)  $C_{2-5}$ alkynyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylamino, N,N-di( $C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di( $C_{1-4}$ alkyl)aminosulphonyl;
- 20)  $C_{2-5}$ alkenyl $X^{18}C_{1-4}$ alkyl $R^{79}$  (wherein  $X^{18}$  and  $R^{79}$  are as defined herein);
- 21)  $C_{2-5}$ alkynyl $X^{18}C_{1-4}$ alkyl $R^{79}$  (wherein  $X^{18}$  and  $R^{79}$  are as defined herein); and
- 22)  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl $R^{105}(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_x(X^{18})_yR^{106}$  (wherein  $X^{18}$  is as defined herein,  $x$  is 0 or 1,  $y$  is 0 or 1, and  $R^{105}$  and  $R^{106}$  are each independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 4-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano,  $C_{1-4}$ cyanooalkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ hydroxyalkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulphonyl $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonyl,  $C_{1-4}$ aminoalkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylamino, di( $C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylamino $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, di( $C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylamino $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy, di( $C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy and a group  $-(O-O_f(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_g$ ringD (wherein  $f$  is 0 or 1,  $g$  is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 4-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl) with the proviso that  $R^{105}$  cannot be hydrogen); and additionally wherein any  $C_{1-5}$ alkyl,  $C_{2-5}$ alkenyl or  $C_{2-5}$ alkynyl group in  $R^{56}X^{10}$  may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino;

$R^{2a}$  represents hydrogen, halogeno,  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl, trifluoromethyl,  $C_{1-3}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-3}$ alkylsulphonyl,  $-NR^{3a}R^{4a}$  (wherein  $R^{3a}$  and  $R^{4a}$ , which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen or  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl), or  $R^{5a}(CH_2)_{za}X^{1a}$  (wherein  $R^{5a}$  is a 4-, 5- or 6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno,

cyano, C<sub>1-4</sub>cyanoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>hydroxyalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>aminoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy and a group -(-O-)<sub>f</sub>(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>g</sub>ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 4-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), za is an integer from 0 to 4 and X<sup>1a</sup> represents a direct bond, -O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>6a</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>7a</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>8a</sup>-, -NR<sup>9a</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>10a</sup>- (wherein R<sup>6a</sup>, R<sup>7a</sup>, R<sup>8a</sup>, R<sup>9a</sup> and R<sup>10a</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl); or a salt or prodrug thereof, with the proviso that R<sup>2</sup> is not hydrogen.

**Claim 40 (previously presented):** A compound of the formula II according to claim 39 wherein R<sup>2</sup> represents hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, amino or R<sup>5</sup>X<sup>1</sup>-, wherein X<sup>1</sup> is as defined in claim 39 and R<sup>5</sup> is selected from one of the following twenty-two groups:

- 1) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from fluoro, chloro and bromo, or C<sub>2-5</sub>alkyl which may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy and amino;
- 2) C<sub>2-3</sub>alkylX<sup>2</sup>C(O)R<sup>11</sup> (wherein X<sup>2</sup> is as defined in claim 39 and R<sup>11</sup> represents -NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup> or -OR<sup>15</sup> (wherein R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup> and R<sup>15</sup> which may be the same or different are each C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-2</sub>alkoxyethyl));
- 3) C<sub>2-4</sub>alkylX<sup>3</sup>R<sup>16</sup> (wherein X<sup>3</sup> is as defined in claim 39 and R<sup>16</sup> is a group selected from C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl, azetidinyl and tetrahydropyranyl, which C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C<sub>1-2</sub>alkoxy and which cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl, azetidinyl or tetrahydropyranyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo,

hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C<sub>1-3</sub>cyanoalkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>hydroxyalkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-2</sub>alkoxyC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-2</sub>alkylsulphonylC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, di(C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy and a group -(O-)(C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl)<sub>f</sub>ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a heterocyclic group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl, azetidinyl, morpholino and thiomorpholino, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl);

- 4) C<sub>2-3</sub>alkylX<sup>4</sup>C<sub>2-3</sub>alkylX<sup>5</sup>R<sup>22</sup> (wherein X<sup>4</sup> and X<sup>5</sup> are as defined in claim 39 and R<sup>22</sup> represents hydrogen or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl);
- 5) R<sup>28</sup> (wherein R<sup>28</sup> is as defined in claim 39);
- 6) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylR<sup>110</sup> (wherein R<sup>110</sup> is a group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidin-1-yl, azetidinyl, 1,3-dioxolan-2-yl, 1,3-dioxan-2-yl, 1,3-dithiolan-2-yl and 1,3-dithian-2-yl, which group is linked to C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl through a carbon atom and which group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C<sub>1-3</sub>cyanoalkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>hydroxyalkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-2</sub>alkoxyC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-2</sub>alkylsulphonylC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, di(C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy and a group -(O-)(C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl)<sub>f</sub>ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a heterocyclic group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl, azetidinyl, morpholino and thiomorpholino, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl)) or C<sub>2-4</sub>alkylR<sup>111</sup> (wherein R<sup>111</sup> is a group selected from morpholino, thiomorpholino, azetidin-1-yl, pyrrolidin-1-yl, piperazin-1-yl and piperidino which group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C<sub>1-3</sub>cyanoalkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>hydroxyalkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-2</sub>alkoxyC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-2</sub>alkylsulphonylC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, di(C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy and a group

$\text{(-O-)}_f(\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl})_g\text{ringD}$  (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a heterocyclic group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl, azetidinyl, morpholino and thiomorpholino, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from  $\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$ ));

- 7)  $\text{C}_{3-4}\text{alkenylR}^{112}$  (wherein  $\text{R}^{112}$  represents  $\text{R}^{110}$  or  $\text{R}^{111}$  as defined herein);
- 8)  $\text{C}_{3-4}\text{alkynylR}^{112}$  (wherein  $\text{R}^{112}$  represents  $\text{R}^{110}$  or  $\text{R}^{111}$  as defined herein);
- 9)  $\text{R}^{29}$  (wherein  $\text{R}^{29}$  is as defined in claim 39);
- 10)  $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkylR}^{29}$  (wherein  $\text{R}^{29}$  is as defined in claim 39);
- 11) 1- $\text{R}^{29}$ prop-1-en-3-yl or 1- $\text{R}^{29}$ but-2-en-4-yl (wherein  $\text{R}^{29}$  is as defined in claim 39 with the proviso that when  $\text{R}^5$  is 1- $\text{R}^{29}$ prop-1-en-3-yl,  $\text{R}^{29}$  is linked to the alkenyl group via a carbon atom);
- 12) 1- $\text{R}^{29}$ prop-1-yn-3-yl or 1- $\text{R}^{29}$ but-2-yn-4-yl (wherein  $\text{R}^{29}$  is as defined in claim 39 with the proviso that when  $\text{R}^5$  is 1- $\text{R}^{29}$ prop-1-yn-3-yl,  $\text{R}^{29}$  is linked to the alkynyl group via a carbon atom);
- 13)  $\text{C}_{1-5}\text{alkylX}^6\text{R}^{29}$  (wherein  $\text{X}^6$  and  $\text{R}^{29}$  are as defined in claim 39);
- 14) 1-( $\text{R}^{29}\text{X}^7$ )but-2-en-4-yl (wherein  $\text{X}^7$  and  $\text{R}^{29}$  are as defined in claim 39);
- 15) 1-( $\text{R}^{29}\text{X}^8$ )but-2-yn-4-yl (wherein  $\text{X}^8$  and  $\text{R}^{29}$  are as defined in claim 39);
- 16)  $\text{C}_{2-3}\text{alkylX}^9\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkylR}^{29}$  (wherein  $\text{X}^9$  and  $\text{R}^{29}$  are as defined in claim 39);
- 17)  $\text{C}_{2-3}\text{alkylX}^9\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkylR}^{28}$  (wherein  $\text{X}^9$  and  $\text{R}^{28}$  are as defined in claim 39);
- 18)  $\text{C}_{2-5}\text{alkenyl}$  which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more fluorine atoms or with one or two groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino,  $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkylamino}$ ,  $\underline{\text{N}},\underline{\text{N}}\text{-di}(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})\text{amino}$ , aminosulphonyl,  $\underline{\text{N}}\text{-C}_{1-4}\text{alkylaminosulphonyl}$  and  $\underline{\text{N}},\underline{\text{N}}\text{-di}(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})\text{aminosulphonyl}$ ;
- 19)  $\text{C}_{2-5}\text{alkynyl}$  which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more fluorine atoms or with one or two groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino,  $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkylamino}$ ,  $\underline{\text{N}},\underline{\text{N}}\text{-di}(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})\text{amino}$ , aminosulphonyl,  $\underline{\text{N}}\text{-C}_{1-4}\text{alkylaminosulphonyl}$  and  $\underline{\text{N}},\underline{\text{N}}\text{-di}(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})\text{aminosulphonyl}$ ;
- 20)  $\text{C}_{2-4}\text{alkenylX}^9\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkylR}^{28}$  (wherein  $\text{X}^9$  and  $\text{R}^{28}$  are as defined in claim 39);
- 21)  $\text{C}_{2-4}\text{alkynylX}^9\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkylR}^{28}$  (wherein  $\text{X}^9$  and  $\text{R}^{28}$  are as defined in claim 39); and

22)  $C_{1-3}alkylR^{54}(C_{1-3}alkyl)_q(X^9)_rR^{55}$  (wherein  $X^9$ ,  $q$ ,  $r$ ,  $R^{54}$  and  $R^{55}$  are as defined in claim 39);

and additionally wherein any  $C_{1-5}alkyl$ ,  $C_{2-5}alkenyl$  or  $C_{2-5}alkynyl$  group in  $R^5X^1$ - may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino.

**Claim 41 (previously presented):** A compound according to claim 39 wherein Zb is -O-.

**Claim 42 (cancelled).**

**Claim 43 (previously presented):** A compound according to claim 39 wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents oxo, halogeno, hydroxy,  $C_{1-2}alkoxy$ ,  $C_{1-2}alkyl$ ,  $C_{1-2}alkoxymethyl$ ,  $C_{2-3}alkanoyl$ ,  $C_{1-2}haloalkyl$ , cyano, amino,  $C_{2-4}alkenyl$ ,  $C_{2-4}alkynyl$ ,  $C_{2-3}alkanoyloxy$ , nitro,  $C_{2-3}alkanoylamino$ ,  $C_{1-2}alkoxycarbonyl$ ,  $C_{1-2}alkylsulphanyl$ ,  $C_{1-2}alkylsulphinyl$ ,  $C_{1-2}alkylsulphonyl$ , carbamoyl, N- $C_{1-2}alkylcarbamoyl$ , N,N-di( $C_{1-2}alkyl$ )carbamoyl, aminosulphonyl, N- $C_{1-2}alkylaminosulphonyl$ , N,N-di( $C_{1-2}alkyl$ )aminosulphonyl, N-( $C_{1-2}alkylsulphonyl$ )amino, N-( $C_{1-2}alkylsulphonyl$ )-N-( $C_{1-2}alkyl$ )amino or a  $C_{3-7}alkylene$  chain joined to two ring C carbon atoms.

**Claim 44 (previously presented):** A compound according to claim 39 wherein n is 0, 1 or 2.

**Claim 45 (presently amended):** A compound according to claim 39 wherein Zb is -O-, with the proviso that R<sup>2</sup> is not ~~hydrogen~~- substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{1-5}alkyl$ , halogeno,  $C_{1-5}alkoxy$ ,  $C_{2-5}alkenyl$ , phenoxy or phenyl $C_{1-5}alkoxy$ .

**Claim 46 (previously presented):** A compound according to claim 39 selected from 6-methoxy-7-((1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methoxy)-4-(quinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline, 7-(3-(1,1-dioxothiomorpholino)propoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(quinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-7-(3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(quinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-7-((1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methoxy)-4-(quinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline,  
4-(4-chloroquinolin-7-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-morpholinopropoxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-7-((1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methoxy)-4-(4-methylquinolin-7-yloxy) quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(4-methylquinolin-7-yloxy)-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-7-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)-4-(quinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-7-((1-(2-methylsulphonylethyl)piperidin-4-yl)methoxy)-4-(quinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline,  
4-(2,3-dimethylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(1-methylpiperidin-4-ylmethoxy) quinazoline,  
4-(2,3-dimethylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropoxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-7-(1-methylpiperidin-4-ylmethoxy)-4-(2-trifluoromethylindol-5-yloxy)  
quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-7-(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropoxy)-4-(2-trifluoromethylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,  
(*R,S*)-4-(3-fluoroquinolin-7-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-((1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methoxy)  
quinazoline,  
4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-methylsulphonylpropoxy)quinazoline,  
7-(3-N,N-dimethylaminopropoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(2-morpholinoethoxy)ethoxy)quinazoline,  
7-(2-(N,N-diethylamino)ethoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)-4-(quinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline,  
4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-morpholinopropoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)ethoxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)-4-(6-trifluoromethylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,  
7-(3-(methylsulphonyl)propoxy)-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,  
7-(3-(N,N-dimethylamino)propoxy)-4-(2,3-dimethylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-quinazoline,  
4-(2,3-dimethylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(1-methylpiperidin-3-ylmethoxy) quinazoline,  
7-(2-(N,N-diethylamino)ethoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,  
4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(2-(piperidin-2-yl)ethoxy)quinazoline,

4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(indol-6-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-morpholinopropoxy)quinazoline,  
7-(3-(ethylsulphonyl)propoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(3-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,  
7-(2-hydroxy-3-piperidinopropoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,  
7-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(N-methylamino)ethoxy)quinazoline, and  
7-(2-hydroxy-3-(isopropylamino)propoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)  
quinazoline,  
or a salt thereof.

**Claim 47 (previously presented):** A compound according to claim 39 selected from  
6-methoxy-7-(3-morpholinopropoxy)-4-(quinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-((1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(1-methylpiperidin-4-ylmethoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropoxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-methylsulphonylpropoxy)quinazoline,  
7-((1-cyanomethyl)piperidin-4-ylmethoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)  
quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-morpholinoethoxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethoxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(1-methylpiperidin-3-ylmethoxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-piperidinoethoxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(N-methyl-N-(4-pyridyl)amino)ethoxy)  
quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-morpholinopropoxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-7-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)ethoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethoxy)ethoxy)  
quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-7-(1-(2-methoxyethyl)piperidin-4-ylmethoxy)-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)  
quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-((2-(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)carbamoyl)vinyl)  
quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(piperidin-4-ylmethoxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(piperidin-4-yloxy)ethoxy)quinazoline,  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(N-methyl-N-methylsulphonylamino)ethoxy)qui  
nazoline,  
7-(2-(1-(2-cyanoethyl)piperidin-4-yloxy)ethoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)  
quinazoline,  
4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-(1,1-dioxothiomorpholino)propoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(piperidin-4-ylmethoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)quinazoline,  
7-(3-(N,N-dimethylamino)propoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,  
7-(3-(N,N-diethylamino)propoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,  
7-(3-(1,1-dioxothiomorpholino)propoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,  
4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(2-(4-pyridyloxy)ethoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(indol-6-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,  
7-(1-(2-methoxyethyl)piperidin-4-ylmethoxy)-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,  
7-(2-hydroxy-3-morpholinopropoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,  
7-(2-(1-(2-methoxyethyl)piperidin-4-yl)ethoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)  
quinazoline,  
7-(2-hydroxy-3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy) quinazoline,

7-(3-(N,N-diethylamino)-2-hydroxypropoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy) quinazoline,

7-(3-(1,1-dioxothiomorpholino)propoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy) quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(4-pyridyloxy)ethoxy)quinazoline,

4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-morpholinopropoxy)quinazoline,

(2*R*)-6-methoxy-(2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-piperidinopropoxy) quinazoline,

(5*R*)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-oxopyrrolidin-5-ylmethoxy) quinazoline,

4-(4-bromoindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(1-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)-piperidin-4-ylmethoxy)quinazoline,

(2*R*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

(2*R*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-morpholinopropoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

(2*R*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-piperidinopropoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

(2*S*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-((N,N-diisopropyl)amino)propoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

(2*S*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-piperidinopropoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

(2*R*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-piperidinopropoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(3-methylindol-5-yloxy) quinazoline,

(2*R*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(3-methylindol-5-yloxy) quinazoline,

(2*R*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

(2*R*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(1-(2-morpholinoethyl)piperidin-4-ylmethoxy) quinazoline,

4-(3-fluoro-quinolin-7-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,

4-(3-fluoro-quinolin-7-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridin-5-yloxy) quinazoline,  
(2*S*)-6-methoxy-(2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-piperidinopropoxy) quinazoline, and  
4-(6-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy) quinazoline,  
or a salt thereof.

**Claim 48 (previously presented):** A compound according to claim 39 selected from  
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(4-fluoroindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(1-methylpiperidin-4-ylmethoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(4-fluoroindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(6-fluoroindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(4-fluoroindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(4-fluoroindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy) quinazoline,  
4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,  
4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-((1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methoxy)  
quinazoline,  
4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)  
quinazoline,  
4-(4-fluoroindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(2-(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethoxy)quinazoline,  
(2*R*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-  
methoxyquinazoline, and  
4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(2-(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethoxy)  
quinazoline,  
or a salt thereof.

**Claim 49 (previously presented):** A compound according to claim 39 in the form of  
a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

**Claim 50 (cancelled).**

**Claims 51 (currently amended):** A pharmaceutical composition which comprises as active ingredient a compound of formula II-I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to any one of claims 39-41, 43-48 and 61 ~~claim 39~~ in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or carrier.

**Claims 52-60 (cancelled).**

**Claim 61 (previously presented):** A compound according to claim 39 wherein ring C is selected from indolyl and quinolinyl.

**Claim 62 (cancelled).**

**Claim 63 (new):** A method for inhibiting VEGF receptor tyrosine kinase activity in a warm-blooded animal in need thereof comprising administering to said animal an inhibiting amount of a compound of the formula II as defined in any one of claims 39-41, 43-48 and 61 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.